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NHPRC November Meeting

At its November 14, 2000, meeting, the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC) recommended grants totaling up to \$3.8 million for 47 projects. The Commission described competition for funding as "fierce," with requests under consideration at this meeting exceeding \$8 million. While reaffirming its support for the Founding Era documentary editions, the Commission noted a substantial increase in the number and quality of grant proposals in the State Board and Electronic Records Programs. The Commission was able to maintain last year's level of funding for the Founding Era documentary editing projects. However, the NHPRC Fellowship Programs in Archival Administration and in Documentary Editing will be suspended for 2001-2002. The 2001 summer Institute for the Editing of Historical Documents will be supported in the amount of \$30,602.

The Commission voted to encourage efforts to focus on the records of underdocumented groups in American society. The Commission wishes to support efforts to identify and preserve significant materials, particularly those in danger of destruction or deterioration, in the areas of Native American history and American ethnicity; to support efforts focusing on the recruitment, training, and communication among those responsible for the custody, use, and interpretation of these documentary materials; and to enlarge the list of potential subjects of documentary editions to embrace individuals and organizations from underdocumented groups.

The NHPRC recommended 8 grants for Founding Era documentary editing projects totaling \$1,295,714, as well as 8 subvention grants for documentary editions totaling \$75,493.

The Founding Era Documentary Editing Projects that received support are:

- ◆ The Adams Papers, Massachusetts Historical Society, comprehensive book edition
- ◆ The Papers of Benjamin Franklin, Yale University, comprehensive book edition
- ◆ The Papers of Thomas Jefferson, Princeton University, comprehensive book edition
- ◆ The Papers of James Madison, University of Virginia, comprehensive book edition
- ◆ The Papers of George Washington, University of Virginia, comprehensive book edition
- ◆ The Documentary History of the First Federal Congress, 1789-1791, George Washington University
- ◆ The Documentary History of the Ratification of the Constitution, University of Wisconsin, Madison, selective book edition
- ◆ The Documentary History of the Supreme Court, 1789-1800, Supreme Court Historical Society

The following publishers received subventions:

- ◆ University Press of Virginia, for the Papers of George Washington
- ◆ State Historical Society of Wisconsin, for the Documentary History of the Ratification of the Constitution
- ◆ University of Illinois Press, for the Southern Debate Over Slavery
- ◆ University of Illinois Press, for the Selected Letters of Lucretia Coffin Mott
- ◆ Johns Hopkins University Press, for the Papers of Dwight D. Eisenhower, vols. 18-21.

Charles Cullen, the ADE representative to the NHPRC, and Fynnette Eaton, incoming representative of the Society of American Archivists, have been appointed to the Executive Committee.

For a full report on the Commission meeting, visit the website at <http://www.nara.gov/nhprc/>